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S.B. No. 1490

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requirements for the conduct of Texas Education Agency special education due process hearings.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 29.0161, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 29.0161. CONTRACT WITH STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION DUE PROCESS HEARINGS. The ~~[Not later than December 1, 2003, the]~~ agency and the State Office of Administrative Hearings shall ~~[jointly determine whether it would be cost-effective for the agency to]~~ enter an interagency contract for the purpose provided by this section. ~~The [with the office under which the]~~ office shall ~~[would]~~ conduct ~~[all or part of]~~ the agency's special education due process hearings under the terms of the contract and under 20 U.S.C. Section 1415 ~~[and its subsequent amendments]~~.

SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2010, the Texas Education Agency and the State Office of Administrative Hearings shall execute the contract required by Section 29.0161, Education Code, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.